



Brother-Sister Duo Competes At National Debate Tourney

Senior Debater Wins Prestigious Debate Award

Stories By LAURA HENDERSON
Staff Writer

During the week before the National Debate Tournament, senior Carly Woods pulled several all-nighters. Late one night she rubbed her eyes and looked at her hands, which were bloody.

Woods "started to freak out" when she realized something was very wrong. The next day at the health clinic, Woods was told she popped a blood vessel behind her eye from concentrating so hard on such little sleep.

According to her fellow debaters, this is not at all surprising behavior from Woods. All of her hard work paid off, though.

Recently Woods was awarded the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Debate, an award given by fellow debaters to someone who exemplifies the values of the American Debate Association. Debaters and coaches who participated in the national championship tournament chose Woods from a pool of three other finalists.

Those who debated with Woods agree she certainly deserves the high honor. Woods has already won two national titles at the American Debate Association National Championship.

"[Woods] is one of those people who is hard-working and dedicated to every aspect of her life," said junior Jen Rainer, who debated with Woods. "When we debated together, not only was she the hardest-working person on the team, but she also worked hard to ensure that we all recycled and made herself into a complete envi-ro-nazi. The girl just makes you want to be a better person."

Woods attributes much of her success to those around her. When asked what her biggest motivator is, Woods replied immediately without thinking.

"Timothy M. O'Donnell," she said. "[He] was the reason that I came to Mary Washington in the first place and his dedication to debate as an activity has been the primary motivating factor for me as a debater and as a person."

O'Donnell, the coach of the debate team,

also had positive things to say about Woods.

"This may be the most important annual award in intercollegiate debate because it is one that recognizes that competitive success and character go hand-in-hand," O'Donnell said. "Carly has managed both in remarkable fashion. Her record of accomplishments at MWC is unparalleled."

Woods' debate career ends this season with a legacy-- her debate partner this season is her younger brother. Sophomore Clint Woods, who

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Woods Team Goes 2-6 At Catholic University In D.C.

Sophomore Clint Woods and senior Carly Woods, the brother-sister debate duo of Mary Washington College, represented the college at the National Debate Tournament held at

Catholic University in Washington, D.C. April 2 to April 5. Although the team, who walked away with a 2-6 record, did not place in the tournament, they said they were pleased just to compete.

According to a Feb. 26 article in *The Bullet*, Woods and Woods earned their spot at the National Debate Tournament after placing fourth with a 6-2 record in the District Seven Qualifying Tournament held at Mary Washington College Feb. 22 to Feb. 24.

Despite the disappointment of not placing, Director of Debate and Assistant Professor of Speech Tim O'Donnell said his expectations were well met.

"Our goal this year was to make it to the [National Debate Tournament]," he said. "Realistically, we performed about as well as I expected we would. We haven't been to the National Debate Tournament in quite some time, so it was a valuable learning experience for all of us. Going into the tournament we were as prepared as we could be, and in my mind, that's the most important thing."

Woods said she is pleased to end her debate career on such a high note.

"Making it to [the National Debate Tournament] by my final year has always been my goal, so I'm really pleased about how it has turned out," she said. "Also, I think the fact that my partner, Clint, is only a sophomore really shows what great things are to come in the program."

The Woods team is rather unusual, as there are few brother and sister teams. Woods, though, said she is glad to be working with her brother.

"Debate requires you to depend on your partner a lot, so it is a bit bizarre to be debating with my little brother," she said. "But I'd say it has been an overwhelmingly successful experience this year. We worked well together as debate partners, and the whole experience has brought us closer together as siblings."

Looking towards future years, O'Donnell is also focusing on his recruiting.

"One of the things we need to work hard on in the coming years is creating scholarships for talented high school debaters," he said. "One of the debaters from Michigan State, who won the national tournament this year, was close to picking MWC four years ago. If

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Sophomore Clint Woods and senior Carly Woods competed at the National Debate Tournament held at Catholic University April 2 to April 5.

Republicans Hold BBQ

By ANDREW HALL
Assistant News Editor

Most barbecues are about the consumption of meat. The Animal Rights Barbecue was no exception.

Last Friday about 150 students gathered out in front of Lee Hall to eat meat or express their views on carnivorousness.

The College Republicans, who sponsored the barbecue, said they wanted to use the event to raise awareness of the extreme tactics of animal rights groups such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in a satirical manner. Members of the Vegan Action Committee set up tables to protest what they saw as an insulting mockery of their beliefs.

Students lined up to get free hot dogs, hamburgers and tuna sandwiches.

Members of both the Republicans and the Vegans said the barbecue served as an excellent medium for dialogue between the camps, despite their ideological opposition.

"I personally feel like it's going great,"

Freshman Patrick McGowan, a member of the Vegan Action Committee, said during the barbecue. "One thing that I've really appreciated is that there is no tension

between the Republicans and our side. We've actually been communicating and finding some common ground in the event."

McGowan said Vegan Action's biggest beef with the College Republicans was their choice of the "Animal Rights" title for the barbecue. The literature McGowan passed out on behalf of

Vegan Action said "We are present to take this callous, sarcastic stab at our ideals and turn it into a positive event where we can educate people about real animal rights issues."

Junior John Kelly, College Republican

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Peter Kelley/Bullet

Students flip burgers at the Republican's barbecue.

PRISM Fights Homophobia

By MARY DAVID
Staff Writer

Nathan Figueroa will be holding hands next Wednesday with other guys -- a lot of other guys. You will be able to recognize him by his black PRISM T-shirt with bold blue lettering, depicting homosexual and heterosexual couples above the slogan "There is no right or wrong -- only love."

Handholding across campus will commemorate the national Day of Silence on April 21 to protest discrimination against homosexuals. Participants will all be wearing the same T-shirts and holding hands with students of the same sex when they pass each other.

The event is being sponsored by PRISM, People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities, and anyone at the college is welcome to participate. Approximately 150 students signed up already, according to PRISM's president, senior Figueroa.

"The goal of the Day of Silence is to make people more aware of how homophobia affects them, their community and their friends," Figueroa said. "It's to make the MWC

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny
High: 62
Low: 35



FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 65
Low: 43



SATURDAY
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Low: 49



SUNDAY
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High: 79
Low: 55



MONDAY
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Verbatim ...

"I had the most wonderful made-for-you-burrito the other day at Seacobeck. Really and truly, I did. I told Pat the Card Swiper about it, and she got excited."

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Republicans And Vegans Grill It Out

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member, said without the provocative name the barbecue would not have sparked controversy and no dialogue would have taken place.

"I think that it's satire," Kelly said. "Yeah, it might be a little offensive, but nobody would be out here if it wasn't. There wouldn't be any other reason for discussion at all."

Freshman Andrew Lamar, College Republicans' president, said the Republicans wanted to hold the barbecue to raise awareness about animal rights groups they considered extreme, such as PETA. The Republicans passed out anti-PETA literature from Consumer Freedom, an advocacy group.

"We're not even an anti-animal rights group on campus," Lamar said. "It's just, we want to show people what we see in PETA and how extreme they are. So, that's what this is all about. It's not attacking the animal rights group on campus or the vegan groups. It's an informative thing."

One student expressed his indifference to the

conflict. Freshman Evan Henry sat in a lawn chair next to a sign that read "Tired of political pissing contests? Republican idiocy vexing? Vegan arrogance annoying? Help me help you not care."

Henry said he intended to make fun of both sides.

"I don't like politics," he said.

Freshman and Vegan Action member Amber Arnold said she felt the barbecue was an attack on her practice of veganism. She said she was at the barbecue to educate people about her take on the issue.

"I see it as an attack on my lifestyle because I have to look out for what I eat every day," she said. "It's really important to me. I don't think [the College Republicans] understand that."

Lamar defended the Republicans.

"Some people are taking this as an anti-vegetarian thing and it's definitely not that at all," he said.

The barbecue coincided with Good Friday, sparking some discontent among some Catholics who value the abstention of eating some meats on the holiday.

The College Republicans insisted they did not intend to hold the barbecue on Good Friday to spite the Catholics. Senior Sarah Smith, Executive Director of the College Republicans, said her organization did not realize they had scheduled the barbecue on Good Friday.

They served tuna sandwiches as a concession to Catholics.

"We're certainly not an anti-Catholic group," Lamar said. "A large number of the people in our club are Catholic."

With the beautiful weather, students played Frisbee in Ball Circle and enjoyed the sun and rock music.

Senior Arthur Howland said he liked the barbecue because both sides were represented and everyone seemed to get along.

"The irony is delicious," he said.

Freshman Katherine Dunn said she liked that everyone was expressing themselves.

"I think they could have picked a better name," she said.



Peter Kelley/Bulletin

Senior Michael Hagan participates in the Republican Animal Rights Barbecue, held last Friday.

CORRECTION: Last week, *The Bulletin* incorrectly referred to the African dancers presented on page one as members of the Ezibu Muntu African dance group. They are actually from the Kunsun Ensemble.

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great success at the National Debate tournament alongside his sister last weekend, is expected to carry on the Woods tradition with even more success.

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Wherever she goes, Woods plans to continue in debate by being an assistant debate coach.

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we had been able to come close to matching her award there, who knows what could have happened."

Joe Packer, a junior on the debate team who helped to research for the tournament is also proud of his teammates.

"I had a lot of fun at the tournament," he said. "We all really put in a lot of research in that last week before the [National Debate Tournament]. We were assigned in groups to focus on specific areas, to maximize efficiency. Clint and Carly did well for a team that had never debated at the [National Debate Tournament] before from a school that had not been to the [National Debate Tournament] in a long time, maybe over 10 years."

This year's policy debate topic centered around U.S. foreign policy.

The Woods team's argument said the United Nations involvement in reconstruction and peacekeeping in Iraq should be encouraged.



Andrew Deesi/Bulletin

Senior Carly Woods holds the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Debate, which she was chosen to receive.

I Wanna Hold Your Hand

PRISM Sponsors Day To Fight Homophobia: National Day Of Silence

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community more tolerant."

Figueroa said the Day of Silence typically requires students to remain silent for the entire day, but PRISM decided to try something a little different this year.

"It's a national day where colleges and high schools across the country get together," he said. "In the past we've done the silence thing. That hasn't really been effective. This year we're having people sign up to get T-shirts to indicate [their] participation. Whenever you see someone else on campus wearing the T-shirt you hold hands."

Figueroa said shirts are free to participants and purchased with PRISM funds.

Freshman PRISM member Megan Haines is excited about the event.

"I am looking forward to it," she said. "From the response of people wishing to participate, it will be pretty favorably received. We have a couple faculty members signed up and people who usually would not have been bothered participating because it requires a lot less of a commitment than previous years."

One of the principles behind the Day of Silence is to get people thinking, freshman Brean Dyers said.

"Part of the premise is that people of all genders should be able to have public displays of affection - just simple things like holding hands," Dyers said. "So if you see people wearing the Day of Silence T-shirt, we encourage people participating to hold their hand. It's a sign of solidarity, and if you see two guys or two girls holding hands you're gonna notice it."

Haines said although PRISM's attempt last year was not very successful, silence will not be completely eliminated from the college's protest.

"I think people [in past years] tried to be

silent the whole day and failed, so they lost some credibility," she said. "This year we are having a silent vigil around 11:50 to [noon] so people can join the vigil between classes. If people wish to be silent, it is completely up to them, but it is not required in order to participate."

The vigil will take place in Ball Circle. According to www.dayofsilence.org, the Day of Silence is a student-led initiative meant to illustrate the silencing of "harassment and discrimination" of sexual minorities.

Figueroa said it is not too late to sign up and everyone is invited to get involved and spread the word.

"It's a way to draw attention to the way homophobia limits our lives," he said. "For example, if [there are] two guys that are really close friends, can they look each other in the eye and say 'I love you'?"

"I've met people who support gay equality but they're afraid to participate. I think that shows what a big issue it is. I think that's the point."

Sophomore participant Shin Fujiyama said too many people are concerned with what their peers will think to get involved.

"They don't want to participate because they're worried about their image," Fujiyama said.

"I think it's gonna challenge people and make them hopefully realize some of the things they take for granted in their day-to-day lives."

-Nathan Figueroa

Figueroa has high hopes for the event. "I think it's gonna challenge people and make them hopefully realize some of the things they take for granted in their day-to-day lives," he said.

Sign-ups for participation in the Day of Silence will continue through Thursday, April 15. After that, interested individuals may call Nathan Figueroa at x3620 or email PRISM at PRISM@mwc.edu to get involved.

Viewpoints

Editorial

Weapons Of Mass Reconstruction

Everyone knows Robert McCloskey's heart-warming tale of "The Ugly Duckling." However, no one knew it would lead to Fox's exploitation of women in their newest reality tv show, "The Swan."

In this stunning display of degradation of women's self-esteem, two contestants are chosen per week to be the "ugly duckling" and have themselves made over, through the use of extreme breast implants, liposuction, you name it—anything to make them "look better."

So we choose these people, as the "ugliest" people to grace all of American society, claim they can better themselves and their self-esteem through copious amounts of plastic being injected into their bodies and put them into a contest to see which "ugly duckling" turned out better.

Oh yeah, there's a catch. If your enhanced boobs or tucked face or laser-hair removed legs don't quite cut it, you will be asked to leave—you are still too ugly for us to have to watch on our tv screens.

America thrives on this. This unnatural, unhealthy standard of beauty has become so prevalent in our society that people are going to the extremes of endangering their health and making themselves feel terrible just to look what we have deemed "beautiful."

So yeah, why don't we all watch from our couches, eating our chips and letting our own asses get fatter as we judge everyone else around us to help us pick out the "ugly ducklings" of the world.

This Feminist Is Pro-Life

By MEGAN GALLAGHER
Guest Columnist

I appreciate that someone has expressed a point of view to counter the somewhat dogmatic posters we have seen all over campus, and in fact expressed something much closer to my own beliefs. However, I wish to make one point. I consider being pro-life as a natural extension of my feminism. You don't have to be pro-choice to be a feminist. Just ask the good people at Feminists for Life (www.feministsforlife.org). As they say, women deserve better.

Abortion is championed as a manner of reproductive freedom for women. It is not. Reproductive freedom would be no pressure, on any woman, at any time, to have sex. Reproductive freedom would be life sentences for rapists with no parole. Reproductive freedom would be the understanding that women should not have to choose between family and a career.

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The Feminist Manifesto



Cartoon by Jen Hammond

Students Defend Abortion As An Integral Part Of The Feminist Agenda

By SARAH SHERMAN
Guest Columnist

In last week's issue of *The Bulletin*, I was unsettled by students Jeff Longo and Michele Heimiller's letter concerning the placement of the issue of abortion under the general issue of feminism.

This is not the first I've heard of the controversy over whether or not abortion belongs in feminism. It seems that more and more women (and men) seem to be hiding behind dispute, claiming that the right to make decisions over one's own body should be held outside of feminist causes. However, I would think that this exclusion of abortion would be contradictory in itself.

The fight for pro-choice laws and regulations is in fact feminism in itself, and came from feminist beginnings. When we advocate the right to choose, we advocate not necessarily equality between men and women, as do many other feminist issues, but we are advocating for the right to control that which makes us feminine, that which makes us women. Our reproductive rights, our right to reproduce, almost defines feminism in itself. We are fighting for that which sets us apart from men, control over a body that has the ability to create another life.

Longo and Heimiller said in their article that it is "the fact that both many men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause." I would think that the very fact that it is so controversial makes it perfect stepping grounds for feminists around the world.

There are men (and women, sadly) in America today who still think women shouldn't be allowed to vote. Throughout America, women are still being paid significantly less than their male counterparts, because there are still men and women who believe that women just cannot handle the workplace as well as men. And throughout America, there are both men and women who believe in many cases that the female victims in rape and sexual abuse cases are responsible.

Everyone does have a right to control their own body. Granted, there are laws that keep us from abusing ourselves with drugs and alcohol. However, when it comes to the issue of abortion it is not about self-abuse. Pro-choice feminists advocate for safe and healthy methods of controlling reproduction, for being able to control what should happen to their bodies and their lives should they be sexually abused or if their contraception fail them.

Engaging in sexual intercourse does come with responsibility. Once a woman becomes sexually active, she must be aware of the consequences should she be careless.

Abortion is not a simple response to a one-night stand or a young couple that simply got too involved to use a condom. Many women suffer tremendous psychological stress after their abortions, because it is such a difficult decision to make. Yet a majority of women today have abortions because of medical reasons, or they were sexually abused, or victims of incest or rape, or because they were careful with birth control yet fell into that one percent margin of error.

Feminists fight for the right to have an option over their own body if they absolutely need one, not for a quick-fix because a woman made a mistake. Our right to choose is in question. It is up to feminists, those who stand up for women's rights over their minds, bodies, and futures, to rally and keep Bush from rolling back the clock. Just because you are a woman does not make you a feminist; there are women today who let their husbands and fathers dominate their lives.

And just because you are a feminist does not mean you must be pro-choice. Being a feminist means that you must have an open mind and recognize when and where women are being spoken for and shut out. In the controversy over abortion in America today, women are struggling to keep their voice.

Sarah Sherman is a freshman

By KATHERINE LOWRY
Guest Columnist

After reading the letter concerning how abortion has no place in feminism by Mr. Longo and Ms. Heimiller last week, I was enraged. In both past and present American the "f-word" has never been regarded as "a noble approach to take on the issue of women and equality."

Feminism is a word that has been pushed through the mud for decades as are the women and men who support its ideology. I think I'm making an accurate statement when I declare that the majority of Americans regard feminists in general as whiney, bull dykes that hate men and are trying to oppress their anti-patriarchal views on content housewives and young women in effort to turn them "against men."

In its purest form, feminism is the "radical" idea that men and women should be given equal opportunity to achieve whatever satisfaction they want out of their lives; whether it's having a career, devoting themselves to raising their children or having an abortion.

Abortion is an important and key part of feminism because is yet another way that men and women are treated differently in American society on the basis of gender. In a country where all major health insurance providers cover a man's Viagra medication yet don't even practically cover the cost of a prescription for the Pill for women, access to safe and legal abortions is only one of the many ways our society continues to discriminate women.

In response to their point, "The fact that both men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause." Mr. Longo and Ms. Heimiller might be shocked to learn that back before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment the right for women to vote was vehemently opposed by both men and women. Those women who did not want suffrage said so because the believed their husbands would be more knowledgeable than themselves to vote for programs that would protect them. I kid you not! Anti suffragettes believed they, as women, were too stupid to vote for themselves, so they would be better off letting men keep the political reins out of the hands of ignorant women.

But because not all women and men could agree on suffrage for all citizens didn't stop universal suffrage from being a core belief in feminism back in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries or even today in the twenty first. Nor is it for birth control and abortion.

Also in response to Longo and Heimiller's weak shot comparing abortion to the same level of "controlling one's body" as drugs and suicide, what were you two thinking by even comparing those three together? Abortion is saving the life and wellbeing of a pregnant woman.

Women have abortions for a number of reasons. I think most Americans, including Longo and Heimiller, are stuck in this false imagination that abortion involves mostly prostitutes or lazy, sexually active women who don't like the idea of being pregnant and taking care of a baby. This accounts for their quote, "abortion appears more of an escape from responsibility, rather than equal rights..." What I think is even more "an escape from responsibility" is to bring a child into this world that is unwanted, unable to be taken care of by its mother emotionally and financially, and that will either be forced into the care of the mother's parents or end up in eighteen years of foster care.

Abortion is not an easy decision for any woman to make. It's not like there are women who wake up in the morning and think, "I feel like being knocked up and then aborting the fetus."

A baby is a baby, and the decision to have one or not is up to the mother and, if present, the father. Even after contraceptives and even the male having a vasectomy, married couples who shouldn't have children for whatever reason be it medical or personal, have unexpected "surprises" that a safe and legal abortion can help with.

If this country goes back to the mindset that dominated in the dark ages of feminism, thousands of American women will die from illegal and unsafe abortions or have to pay hundreds of dollars to fly overseas to

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Joe Packer, a junior on the debate team who helped to research for the tournament is also proud of his teammates.

"I had a lot of fun at the tournament," he said. "We all really put in a lot of research in that last week before the [National Debate Tournament]. We were assigned in groups to focus on specific areas, to maximize efficiency. Clint and Carly did well for a team that had never debated at the [National Debate Tournament] before from a school that had not been to the [National Debate Tournament] in a long time, maybe over 10 years."

This year's policy debate topic centered around U.S. foreign policy.

The Woods team's argument said the United Nations involvement in reconstruction and peacekeeping in Iraq should be encouraged.



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Senior Carly Woods holds the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Debate, which she was chosen to receive.

Republicans And Vegans Grill It Out

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member, said without the provocative name the barbecue would not have sparked controversy and no dialogue would have taken place.

"I think that it's satire," Kelly said. "Yeah, it might be a little offensive, but nobody would be out here if it wasn't. There wouldn't be any other reason for discussion at all."

Freshman Andrew Lamar, College Republicans' president, said the Republicans wanted to hold the barbecue to raise awareness about animal rights groups they considered extreme, such as PETA. The Republicans passed out anti-PETA literature from Consumer Freedom, an advocacy group.

"We're not even an anti-animal rights group on campus," Lamar said. "It's just, we want to show people what we see in PETA and how extreme they are. So, that's what this is all about. It's not attacking the animal rights group on campus or the vegan groups. It's an informative thing."

One student expressed his indifference to the

conflict. Freshman Evan Henry sat in a lawn chair next to a sign that read "Tired of political pissing contests? Republican idiocy vexing? Vegan arrogance annoying? Help me help you not care."

Henry said he intended to make fun of both sides.

"I don't like politics," he said.

Freshman and Vegan Action member Amber Arnold said she felt the barbecue was an attack on her practice of veganism. She said she was at the barbecue to educate people about her take on the issue.

"I see it as an attack on my lifestyle because I have to look out for what I eat every day," she said. "It's really important to me. I don't think [the College Republicans] understand that."

Lamar defended the Republicans.

"Some people are taking this as an anti-vegetarian thing and it's definitely not that at all," he said.

The barbecue coincided with Good Friday, sparking some discontent among some Catholics who value the abstinence of eating some meats on the holiday.

The College Republicans insisted they did not intend to hold the barbecue on Good Friday to spite the Catholics. Senior Sarah Smith, Executive Director of the College Republicans, said her organization did not realize they had scheduled the barbecue on Good Friday.

They served tuna sandwiches as a concession to Catholics.

"We're certainly not an anti-Catholic group," Lamar said. "A large number of the people in our club are Catholic."

With the beautiful weather, students played Frisbee in Ball Circle and enjoyed the sun and rock music.

Senior Arthur Howland said he liked the barbecue because both sides were represented and everyone seemed to get along.

"The irony is delicious," he said.

Freshman Katherine Dunn said she liked that everyone was expressing themselves.

"I think they could have picked a better name," she said.



Peter Kelley/Bulletin

Senior Michael Hagan participates in the Republican Animal Rights Barbecue, held last Friday.

I Wanna Hold Your Hand

PRISM Sponsors Day To Fight Homophobia: National Day Of Silence

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community more tolerant."

Figueroa said the Day of Silence typically requires students to remain silent for the entire day, but PRISM decided to try something a little different this year.

"It's a national day where colleges and high schools across the country get together," he said. "In the past we've done the silence thing. That hasn't really been effective. This year we're having people sign up to get T-shirts to indicate [their] participation. Whenever you see someone else on campus wearing the T-shirt you hold hands."

Figueroa said shirts are free to participants and purchased with PRISM funds.

Freshman PRISM member Megan Haines is excited about the event.

"I am looking forward to it," she said. "From the response of people wishing to participate, it will be pretty favorably received. We have a couple faculty members signed up and people who usually would not have been bothered participating because it requires a lot less of a commitment than previous years."

One of the principles behind the Day of Silence is to get people thinking, freshman Brean Dyers said.

"Part of the premise is that people of all genders should be able to have public displays of affection - just simple things like holding hands," Dyers said. "So if you see people wearing the Day of Silence T-shirt, we encourage people participating to hold their hand. It's a sign of solidarity, and if you see two guys or two girls holding hands you're gonna notice it."

Haines said although PRISM's attempt last year was not very successful, silence will not be completely eliminated from the college's protest.

"I think people [in past years] tried to be

silent the whole day and failed, so they lost some credibility," she said. "This year we are having a silent vigil around 11:50 to [noon] so people can join the vigil between classes. If people wish to be silent, it is completely up to them, but it is not required in order to participate."

The vigil will take place in Ball Circle. According to www.dayofsilence.org, the Day of Silence is a student-led initiative meant to illustrate the silencing of "harassment and discrimination" of sexual minorities.

Figueroa said it is not too late to sign up and everyone is invited to get involved and spread the word.

"It's a way to draw attention to the way homophobia limits our lives," he said. "For example, if [there are] two guys that are really

close friends, can they look each other in the eye and say 'I love you'? I've met people who support gay equality but they're afraid to participate. I think that shows what a big issue it is. I think that's the point."

Sophomore participant Shin Fujiyama said too many people are concerned with what their peers will think to get involved.

"They don't want to participate because they're worried about their image," Fujiyama said.

"Especially the guys. They don't want to be a part of it. A lot of people say they're okay with guys but they wouldn't do this on their own to show their support. Once my friends see me do this, they'll participate in the future. They'll realize, hey, we gotta do something about this."

Figueroa has high hopes for the event. "I think it's gonna challenge people and make them hopefully realize some of the things they take for granted in their day-to-day lives," he said.

Sign-ups for participation in the Day of Silence will continue through Thursday, April 15. After that, interested individuals may call Nathan Figueroa at x3620 or email PRISM at PRISM@mwc.edu to get involved.

CORRECTION: Last week, *The Bulletin* incorrectly referred to the African dancers pictured on page one as members of the Ezibu Mantu African dance group. They are actually from the Kunsun Ensemble.

Viewpoints

Editorial

Weapons Of Mass Reconstruction

Everyone knows Robert McCloskey's heart-warming tale of "The Ugly Duckling." However, no one knew it would lead to Fox's exploitation of women in their newest reality tv show, "The Swan."

In this stunning display of degradation of women's self-esteem, two contestants are chosen per week to be the "ugly duckling" and have themselves made over, through the use of extreme breast implants, liposuction, you name it—anything to make them "look better."

So we choose these people, as the "ugliest" people to grace all of American society, claim they can better themselves and their self-esteem through copious amounts of plastic being injected into their bodies and put them into a contest to see which "ugly duckling" turned out better.

Oh yeah, there's a catch. If your enhanced boobs or tucked face or laser-hair removed legs don't quite cut it, you will be asked to leave—you are still too ugly for us to have to watch on our tv screens.

America thrives on this. This unnatural, unhealthy standard of beauty has become so prevalent in our society that people are going to the extremes of endangering their health and making themselves feel terrible just to look what we have deemed "beautiful."

So yeah, why don't we all watch from our couches, eating our chips and letting our own asses get fatter as we judge everyone else around us to help us pick out the "ugly ducklings" of the world.

This Feminist Is Pro-Life

By MEGAN GALLAGHER
Guest Columnist

I appreciate that someone has expressed a point of view to counter the somewhat dogmatic posters we have seen all over campus, and in fact expressed something much closer to my own beliefs. However, I wish to make one point. I consider being pro-life as a natural extension of my feminism. You don't have to be pro-choice to be a feminist. Just ask the good people at Feminists for Life (www.feministsforlife.org). As they say, women deserve better.

Abortion is championed as a manner of reproductive freedom for women. It is not. Reproductive freedom would be no pressure, on any woman, at any time, to have sex. Reproductive freedom would be life sentences for rapists with no parole. Reproductive freedom would be the understanding that women should not have to choose between family and a career.

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The Feminist Manifesto



Cartoon by Jen Hammond

Students Defend Abortion As An Integral Part Of The Feminist Agenda

By SARAH SHERMAN
Guest Columnist

In last week's issue of *The Bulletin*, I was unsettled by students Jeff Longo and Michele Heimiller's letter concerning the placement of the issue of abortion under the general issue of feminism.

This is not the first I've heard of the controversy over whether or not abortion belongs in feminism. It seems that more and more women (and men) seem to be hiding behind dispute, claiming that the right to make decisions over one's own body should be held outside of feminist causes. However, I would think that this exclusion of abortion would be contradictory in itself.

The fight for pro-choice laws and regulations is in fact feminism in itself, and came from feminist beginnings. When we advocate the right to choose, we advocate not necessarily equality between men and women, as do many other feminist issues, but we are advocating for the right to control that which makes us feminine, that which makes us women. Our reproductive rights, our right to reproduce, almost defines feminism in itself. We are fighting for that which sets us apart from men, control over a body that has the ability to create another life.

Longo and Heimiller said in their article that it is "the fact that both many men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause." I would think that the very fact that it is so controversial makes it perfect stepping grounds for feminists around the world.

There are men (and women, sadly) in America today who still think women shouldn't be allowed to vote. Throughout America, women are still being paid significantly less than their male counterparts, because there are still men and women who believe that women just cannot handle the workplace as well as men. And throughout America, there are both men and women who believe in many cases that the female victims in rape and sexual abuse cases are responsible.

Everyone does have a right to control their own body. Granted, there are laws that keep us from abusing ourselves with drugs and alcohol. However, when it comes to the issue of abortion it is not about self-abuse. Pro-choice feminists advocate for safe and healthy methods of controlling reproduction, for being able to control what should happen to their bodies and their lives should they be sexually abused or if their contraception fail them.

Engaging in sexual intercourse does come with responsibility. Once a woman becomes sexually active, she must be aware of the consequences should she be careless.

Abortion is not a simple resolution to a one-night stand or a young couple that simply got too involved to use a condom. Many women suffer tremendous psychological stress after their abortions, because it is such a difficult decision to make. Yet a majority of women today have abortions because of medical reasons, or they were sexually abused, or victims of incest or rape, or because they were careful with birth control yet fell into that one percent margin of error.

Feminists fight for the right to have an option over their own body if they absolutely need one, not for a quick-fix because a woman made a mistake. Our right to choose is in question. It is up to feminists, those who stand up for women's rights over their minds, bodies, and futures, to rally and keep Bush from rolling back the clock. Just because you are a woman does not make you a feminist; there are women today who let their husbands and fathers dominate their lives.

And just because you are a feminist does not mean you must be pro-choice. Being a feminist means that you must have an open mind and recognize when and where women are being spoken for and shut out. In the controversy over abortion in America today, women are struggling to keep their voice.

Sarah Sherman is a freshman

By KATHERINE LOWRY
Guest Columnist

After reading the letter concerning how abortion has no place in feminism by Mr. Longo and Ms. Heimiller last week, I was enraged. In both past and present American the "f-word" has never been regarded as "a noble approach to take on the issue of women and equality."

Feminism is a word that has been pushed through the mud for decades as are the women and men who support its ideology. I think I'm making an accurate statement when I declare that the majority of Americans regard feminists in general as whiney, bull dykes that hate men and are trying to oppress their anti-patriarchal views on content housewives and young women in effort to turn them "against men."

In its purest form, feminism is the "radical" idea that men and women should be given equal opportunity to achieve whatever satisfaction they want out of their lives; whether it's having a career, devoting themselves to raising their children or having an abortion.

Abortion is an important and key part of feminism because is yet another way that men and women are treated differently in American society on the basis of gender. In a country where all major health insurance providers cover a man's Viagra medication yet don't even practically cover the cost of a prescription for the Pill for women, access to safe and legal abortions is only one of the many ways our society continues to discriminate women.

In response to their point, "The fact that both men and women oppose abortion make it an issue that shouldn't be included in the feminist cause." Mr. Longo and Ms. Heimiller might be shocked to learn that back before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment the right for women to vote was vehemently opposed by both men and women. Those women who did not want suffrage said so because the believed their husbands would be more knowledgeable than themselves to vote for programs that would protect them. I kid you not! Anti suffragettes believed that, as women, were too stupid to vote for themselves, so they would be better off letting men keep the political reins out of the hands of ignorant women.

But because not all women and men could agree on suffrage for all citizens didn't stop universal suffrage from being a core belief in feminism back in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries or even today in the twenty first. Nor is it for birth control and abortion.

Also in response to Longo and Heimiller's weak shot comparing abortion to the same level of "controlling one's body" as drugs and suicide, what were you two thinking by even comparing those three together? Abortion is saving the life and wellbeing of a pregnant woman.

Women have abortions for a number of reasons. I think most Americans, including Longo and Heimiller, are stuck in this false imagination that abortion involves mostly prostitutes or lazy, sexually active women who don't like the idea of being pregnant and taking care of a baby. This accounts for their quote, "abortion appears more of an escape from responsibility, rather than equal rights..." What I think is even more "an escape from responsibility" is to bring a child into this world that is unwanted, unable to be taken care of by its mother emotionally and financially, and that will either be forced into the care of the mother's parents or end up in eighteen years of foster care.

Abortion is not an easy decision for any woman to make. It's not like there are women who wake up in the morning and think, "I feel like being knocked up and then aborting the fetus."

A baby is a baby, and the decision to have one or not is up to the mother and, if present, the father. Even after contraceptives and even the male having a vasectomy, married couples who shouldn't have children for whatever reason be it medical or personal, have unexpected "surprises" that a safe and legal abortion can help with.

If this country goes back to the mindset that dominated in the dark ages of feminism, thousands of American women will die from illegal and unsafe abortions or have to pay hundreds of dollars to fly overseas to

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Sports

Crew Team Lands New Coach

By Lynne Corey
Staff Writer

Like a bird to the water, Parrothead Dave Shuster, a U.S. Rowing Level III Certified coach, will take to the Mary Washington crew team beginning this August. Along with attending three Jimmy Buffett concerts this year, adding to the 20 shows he's previously seen, Shuster, the former coach at Virginia Tech and two-time rowing coach of the year, looks forward to becoming the head coach of the Eagles.

Life hasn't always been a cheeseburger in paradise for this Virginia native, but Shuster views his hardships as learning experiences.

Shuster first began rowing in the summer of 1988 before his freshman year at West Springfield High School.

"After failed attempts at youth soccer and swimming, it seemed like the thing for me to try," Shuster said.

With help from his first coach, who happened to be his father, Shuster became a successful rower and he entered his first competition.

"We were never in contention to win, but they gave out participation medals to everyone in the event," Shuster said. "I still have that medal, since it was the first I ever got for rowing."

At West Springfield High School Shuster was a member of the first graduating class of four-year rowers, and he finished ninth in the nation his senior year.

Hoping to continue his success, Shuster joined the crew team at Rutgers University. He was one of the top eight freshman rowers, but this success lasted for only one season. The Rutgers coach told Shuster that because he was heavier than everyone else, he was not fit for the team.

Despite only rowing for one semester, the learning experience was great and Shuster considers it his favorite of all the places he has ever rowed.

"It may seem contradictory to have that be my favorite place, but those few weeks were the most educational and useful in my entire rowing career," Shuster said. "I was there just long enough to learn everything that was wrong with my rowing and that I needed to become a better athlete if I ever wanted to succeed in the sport."

Success came to Shuster after Rutgers, when he won several U.S. Rowing Mid-Atlantic regional championships while rowing for the Ocoquan Boat Club during the summers.

Shuster resumed rowing at the collegiate level at Virginia Tech, where he was in numerous medal winning boats, including the winner of the 1996 Head of the Ocoquan Men's Club 8+.

At Virginia Tech, Shuster graduated with a degree in Theater Arts. Brian Whitaker, his assistant coach at Virginia Tech, said that Shuster does not seem like a theater major.

"He has a fascination with building tiki bars, stealing bar glasses, and fine cooking. In fact if he wasn't a coach, he'd probably be a chef," Whitaker said.

Shuster continued at Virginia Tech and received his master's degree in Health and Physical Education and began coaching the Virginia Tech novice men's team in 1995.

"I don't believe that most people ever plan on becoming a rowing coach. Can you imagine a third-grader telling his or her

parents that they want to coach crew when they grow up?" Shuster said. "I think it largely happens by accident either while you're still in college, or shortly thereafter. You get involved in this sport and it's nearly impossible to leave."

Shuster's favorite part of coaching is the challenge of teaching and solving problems with his rowers. This must be done before the races, however, since the coach is not present when the boat is on the water.

"Rowing is especially challenging in this sense, as once a crew goes out to race, I have no contact with them until they return. I have to have done all of my work before they ever leave the dock," Shuster said. "Ultimately, it's close to the same emotional experience as the rowers. Of course, hopefully their anxiety and nervousness disappears with the first stroke of the race, but mine stays with me until they cross the finish line."

Dealing with the challenges of rowing, in 1999, several years after he began coaching, Shuster had to have back surgery as a result of weightlifting.

"The experience taught me to be much more careful both in my own training and when designing training for my rowers. On the whole, rowing doesn't seem like a dangerous sport, but the potential for serious injury still exists," Shuster said. "This experience motivated me to become a certified strength and conditioning specialist, and to focus on analyzing the movements of rowing and developing safer ways to train for it. As a result, I am a much better coach today."

Shuster strives to push his rowers to reach their full potential. "Although [he is] not still officially rowing, he keeps in shape and tries to stay faster than his team for most of the winter season," Whitaker said.

Shuster feels that the experiences of success and failure are greater for him as a coach than they are for his rowers.

"As a coach, I experience the same successes and failures that



Coach Dave Shuster shouts instructions to the rowers on his Virginia Tech crew team.

the athletes experience, but they are often magnified because while the athlete is responsible for the performance, I am responsible for providing them with the skills and training to allow them to perform at their best," Shuster said. "So it's easy to take credit when the team succeeds, but when there's a failure, you have to ask yourself if you prepared the athletes as well as you could have. That can be a difficult moment and a tough assessment to make."

Shuster is looking forward to beginning his coaching position with the Mary Washington team.

"I have been successful in my coaching thus far, and am looking forward to pushing further with a new group of athletes, facilities, and support. Realizing that rowing is the youngest varsity sport at MWC, it is exciting to be able to contribute in the still early stages to what will become an established and successful sport with strong traditions," Shuster said.

Athletic Director Ed Hegmann is also looking forward to Shuster's contribution to Mary Washington athletics.

"We felt like he could do a good job for us and he met all the requirements. Obviously we hope he'll keep the crew team headed in the right direction and do a great job," Hegmann said.

The Case for the Rainbow Warrior

Why Jeff Gordon Will Win At Martinsville

By Andrew Deci
Staff Writer



After seven races this season, Jeff Gordon still does not have a pole or win to call his own.

Martinsville might be the place for him to change all that. In 22 starts at Martinsville, he has five wins, four

poles, 12 top-five finishes and 16 top-ten finishes. The odds seem to be in his favor. But will he be able to overcome the competition and

pull off a three-peat at the short track?

Let's start at the beginning of this season. Dale Earnhardt Junior posted a win at Daytona. Gordon barely squeaked into the top ten. Matt Kenseth took the checkered flag in back-to-back wins at Rockingham and Las Vegas, propelling him to a lead in the series points. Gordon fell to ninth in the Nextel Cup.

Two weeks ago at Texas Motor Speedway, Gordon faced bad luck and a bad alternator, decidedly holding him to a third place finish behind Elliott Sadler and rookie Kasey Kahne. What's to blame? Design restrictions and young, aggressive drivers limit competition at the speedways.

As the Nextel Circuit has dropped short tracks, and added larger, steeply-banked courses, aerodynamics have become more and more important to a successful rig. But NASCAR doesn't allow much variation in

shape, size or clearance, making teams run virtually on the same body design. Wins come from aggressive racing — something only the rookies are willing to risk.

So how does Jeff win this weekend? He's already proven himself as a skilled short-track racer. With a solid, reserved racing pattern, high on the course, Jeff Gordon will out-last the young rookies looking for a wreck. Jeff, Martinsville is yours.



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Is racing a sport?

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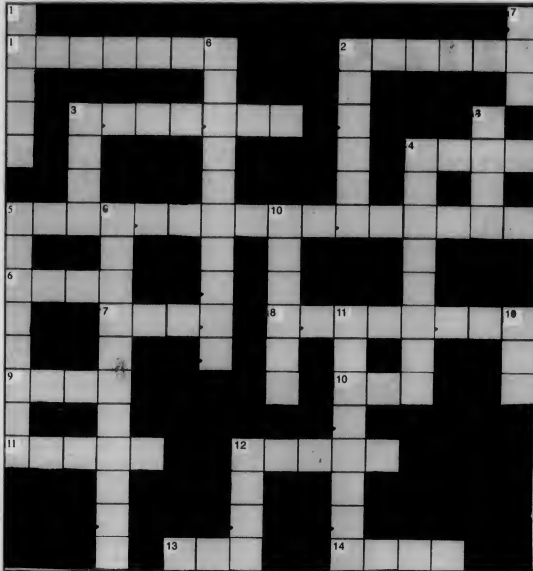
Upcoming Events

April 15 - Baseball vs. Catholic, CAC Quarterfinals, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Washington College, 3 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Washington College, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Virginia Wesleyan, 3 p.m.

April 17 - Baseball vs. TBD, CAC Semifinals, 10 a.m.
Men's Lacrosse vs. TBD, CAC Semifinals



Sports Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Players on the pitch
2. Eagles baseball 7 game winner
3. Playing with foils
4. "____ x 3 for the home team"
5. Eagles' home turf (outdoors)
6. The Say Hey Kid
7. MWC baseball's Fitzgerald or Wilkins
8. Sport of Glaeser and Hall
9. Reason for outdoors sports cancellations
10. Even
11. One-man river boat
12. Boston caveman
13. Conference dominated by Eagles (abbr.)
14. Team with a new skipper

Down

1. Basketball team's sixth man
2. MWC's all-time steals and assists leader
3. Golf warning
4. First three minutes of boxing
5. Bullet Sports Editor
6. Latex covered granite
7. Eagles baseball seed in CAC tournament
8. "We've got ____!"
9. Walk
10. M. dub birds
11. Big conference rival
12. Mad Mary flyer
13. Pitching stat.

Across - 1. Rogers, 2. Foreman, 3. Fencing, 4. Root, 5. TheBaltimore, 6. Mays, 7. Eric, 8. Lacrosse, 9. Rain, 10. Tie, 11. Kayak, 12. Damon, 13. CAC, 14. Crew
Down - 1. Crowd, 2. Fowler, 3. Fore, 4. RoundOne, 5. TomBorak, 6. SpiritRock, 7. One, 8. Wood, 9. BaseOnBalls, 10. Eagles, 12. Dice, 13. ERA

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What to do...Where to go?!

April 15- April 21



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
JRB Luau 4-6 pm Ball Circle	LEAP Into Summer 6 - 9 pm Underground	Riot Fest Noon-4:30 pm Campus Walk at Lee	Exit the King 2 pm Klein Theatre \$2 MWC ID \$6 students \$8 general	MWC Chorus Performance 7:30 pm Dodd Auditorium	Great Lives Series "Jackie Robinson" 7:30 pm Lee Ballroom	Cheap Seats Cinema Something's Gotta Give 7 pm Big Fish 10 pm Dodd Auditorium \$1
Open Mic Night 8 -11 pm Underground	JRB Alcohol Awareness Day 2 - 4:30 pm Ball Circle	Encore Show 7:30 pm Dodd Auditorium			Orchestra Concert feat. Marvin Hamlisch 7:30 pm Dodd Auditorium \$10 students	



Scene



Theatre Portrays Genre of The "Absurd"

"Exit the King" Humorously Questions Life and Death

By Becca Barnabi
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's Theatre Department is ending this academic year with a production from the genre of theater of the absurd. Eugene Ionesco's "Exit the King" is hilarious and engaging.

"Exit the King" raises many questions for its audience. What is the purpose of life? What is death? Is death really the end? Do we have any control over our lives?

"Exit the King" offers no definite answers. However, it does give audiences a feeling of comfort amidst a world that lacks reality.

King Berenger, portrayed by junior Phil Seidman, is dying. Before his death, some of those around him seek to find a way to keep it from occurring. The King did not order his death to arrive, so why is it happening?

The only people who seem to accept what is about to occur are the King's doctor, portrayed by freshman Tom Allison, and Queen Marguerite, portrayed by junior Mary Sarah LaFantasie.

"Exit the King" is not set in a particular time period. In fact, it is barely set in reality. Audiences will delight in this fact because it means that anything is possible. Audiences will be entertained with almost everything from a wide range of accents, including German, French, and southern United States, to the appearance of Elvis Presley, the other King.

The concept of the production is simple: actors portraying actors who are portraying characters.

Seidman is King Berenger, senior Liz Beebe is Queen Marie, LaFantasie is Queen Marguerite, Allison is the King's doctor, sophomore Tori Miller is the maid, Juliet, and senior Mike Plummer is the King's guard.

They each do a wonderful job of making the unreal believable, as well as funny. Beebe, LaFantasie, and Miller, in particular, portray actors who each attempt to steal the spotlight from the others.

However, the process of bringing these characters to the stage was anything but simple, according to the performers. Director Gregg Stull, Associate Professor of Theatre and Department Chair, provided the actors with necessary guidance as they worked to create an alternate world where anything is possible.

The performers in "Exit the King" were instructed to work from the outside to the inside in order to develop their characters. Normally, actors work from the inside to the outside. Typically, they begin with the emotions their characters experience, and then the appropriate actions.

This did not occur for "Exit the King." According to Seidman, the actors started with the physicality of their characters before distinguishing the inside.

"The style of theater we're doing is very physical," Seidman said.

As the King approaches death, which is counted down so

informatively by Queen Marguerite, he reflects on his life and thinks of all the things he wishes he had done. The others remember the things he did accomplish: the wars he waged and the people he had, as Berenger puts it, executed, not assassinated.

Did Berenger lead a good life?

"It's not natural to die, because no one wants to," Berenger said. "I want to exist."

Seidman is as impressive as Berenger and successfully shows the many transformations he endures before his death.

Beebe is endearing as Queen Marie who loves her husband, King Berenger, and is heartbroken to have to let him go. She wonders if he still loves her up until the moment he dies, and if he will remember her afterward. Do the dead remember the living? Can love survive death?

The fabulous costume design is by senior Anne Grosz.

King Berenger wears a long shiny red cloak. Elvis' cream colored and bejeweled pants and

shirt are perfect.

According to Grosz, Elvis' costume is being rented from the theatre department of a school in Wisconsin for the duration of the production. The guard's uniform was purchased from a military website, the doctor's shirt from a J.C. Penney's catalogue, and the doctor's pants from Goodwill.

The rest of the costumes were fashioned and created in the costume shop of Mary Washington College's Theatre Department.

Queen Marguerite wears a blue and gold gown complete with a corset.

Queen Marie's lowcut gown is dark purple and gold.

Juliet cleans the King's palace and serves meals in a sexy black and white French

maid's uniform, black fishnet stockings, black strappy heels, and a black and white maid's hat.

Todd Aberts' lighting design features the use of many different colors at various times throughout the production.

The set design is by Matthew Shawn Lawson and consists of miniature replicas of palaces, a pyramid, and skyscrapers. The replicas are intricately covered with shells, buttons, pebbles, and ceramic pieces. They add detail to the unrealistic setting and create a sense of awe in the audience.

"Exit the King" enthralls and entertains audiences with dancing, singing, and imitations. The ending is not surprising and it does not provide answers for the audience, but it is touching and thought provoking.

"I think everyone involved in the production can say we hope audiences leave asking

questions," Miller said. "This show isn't easy. You won't leave with answers."

LaFantasie hopes the audience is encouraged by the production to think differently about death and mortality.

"I want the audience to go away thinking they are not alone," she said. "Everyone has to deal with [death]."

Beebe and Seidman hope the audience will enjoy the production because it is, after all, a comedy.

Plummer said that he hopes audiences will take away an appreciation of life and to be more conscious of its worth.

The term theater of the absurd is derived from the theory of the absurd which French essayist and playwright Albert Camus formulated. Theatre of the absurd resulted in response to the horrors of World War II, the

evolutionary theory of Charles Darwin and realism in theatre.

For many people, life suddenly contained too many uncertainties and questions so theater sought to reflect that. Theatre of the absurd seeks to illustrate the absurdity of life and to question many things.



Liza Doenges/Bullet
Junior Phil Seidman plays the character of King Berenger.



Liza Doenges/Bullet
Senior Liz Beebe plays the character of Queen Marie.

Play Showings:

Where:
Dupont Hall

When:
April 15, 16, & 17 at 8 p.m.
April 18 at 2 p.m.

Still Holding On To Freezing, Cold Weather? Reminisce About Winter By Getting A Coffee Fix At Hyperion

By Melissa Ng
Staff Writer

Some people may not be ready for summer weather yet, and for them, there's Hyperion. Hyperion is the coffee shop located on William Street downtown.

No matter what season it is, the Hyperion staff enjoys the atmosphere, the "regulars," and are always looking to meet a new customer.

"After working in Hyperion for a little more than three years, I've developed an 'affair' with this woman who smells like oranges and always smiles," said employee Gerald Brick. "We had a 'child' a while ago. Of course this relationship is all pretend but that's just an example of how close we get with our regulars."

All are welcome to divulge in a sweet abyss of hot chocolate and coffee.

"Hyperion is a community place," said co-owner Ana Brugos. "We get all different kinds of customers."

Brick agrees with Brugos. "We get a lot of newspaper reading customers,

various groups of mothers with young children, you know, like the 'Day with the Toddler', business people and their laptops," Brick said.

Hyperion first opened on Aug. 26, 1994. The title came from Greek mythology, the God of the Sun.

"One of the old owners was really into Greek mythology," Brugos said. "We thought it made sense. The name has relevance to the sun, waking up, and coffee."

Hyperion's most popular hours are between 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. The morning influx is primarily due to the many businessmen and women in town.

"Seventy to eighty people will come through these doors between their church services on Sunday mornings," Brick said. "This group is usually consisted of families with their kids."

All of the Hyperion workers are dedicated to their job.

"Hyperion is really popular because all the workers here are passionate about the products served and the way it is served," Brick said. "We

go through extra lengths for a drink."

They work hard to satisfy their customers needs and wants.

"The most popular drink is definitely the tall latte," Brick said.

Heather Brown, a current Hyperion employee, described the art behind the latte.

"The rosetta, the leaf located on top of the espresso, is made out of steamed milk," Brown said. "We make sure we make the latte right or else we make it all over again."

Megan Lucas, a fan of Hyperion, compares the Hyperion latte to Starbucks' latte.

"The latte from Hyperion is a special treat," Lucas said. "I definitely would recommend the Hyperion latte. I love the latte."

Kim Thompson, an employee, had an Easter Egg sticker and a big smile on her face when serving a customer.

"I've only worked here for two months and I



Peter Kelley/Bullet
A routine day at Hyperion.

know many of the regulars' names and their favorite drink," Thompson said.

Sophomore Erik Bruner-Yang, a Hyperion employee, agreed with Thompson.

"I love working here," Bruner-Yang said. "We have great relationships with the regulars. We know almost all of them by name."

The employees establish relationships with

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New CDs This Week

From the top left:
Allison Moorer "The Duel"
Gutbucket "Dry Humping the American Dream"
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Top 3 Movies

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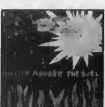
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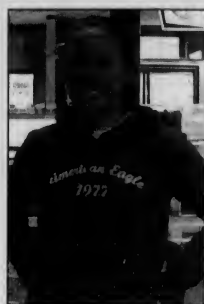


3. Johnson Family Vacation



What Is Your Favorite Thing At A Carnvial?

Photos and Interviews By Beth Wingard and Stephanie Genimatas



"The haunted house is fun."

**Colleen Creegan,
Sophomore**



"The moving targets."

**Pavel Leykin,
Freshman**



"The sky-master."

**Lindsey Bateman,
Freshman**



"Giant sausages."

**Shea Coakley,
Freshman**



"It's funnel cakes."

**Clare Pugsley,
Sophomore**



Business Overlaps Centuries

Goolrick's Opened Here In 1890's

Peter Kelley/Bullet

**By Katie Jensen
Staff Writer**

You live less than two miles from the oldest continuously operating soda fountain in the United States.

Goolrick's Pharmacy, located at 901 Caroline St. is the home of this fountain.

"[It's a] drugstore and restaurant with a fifties flavor to it," said owner Steve May.

Goolrick's offers a pharmacy where people can escape from the boredom of waiting for a prescription to be filled by sitting down and having a bite to eat or ordering one of their specialty sodas, like cherry, vanilla, or chocolate coke.

It's not your average pharmacy either. In addition to pharmaceuticals, Goolrick's sells over-the-counter drugs, a variety of greeting cards, newspapers, collectibles, and antique pharmacy equipment. And they still deliver medicine to a customers doorstep.

They also offer everything from hot dogs, sliced egg sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, to chicken salad, ham salad, and your regular run of the mill sliced turkey sandwich, all under \$3.75, as well as breakfast and desserts.

Paul Sullivan, a former reporter for the Free-Lance Star described Goolrick's as the place "to find an old-fashioned sandwich and genuine ice-cream milkshake - at Goolrick's, you can get the kind Grandpa told you about" in his article *Adventures of the Fattening Kind*, published Dec. 12, 2002.

Inside Goolrick's customers relax at either one of the few tables or at the fountain bar, on stools reminiscent of James Dean films we college students have only seem immortalized in posters.

Some regulars are comfortably reading newspapers, some sipping on a thick milkshake. Tourists wander the aisles, picking up and turning over the collectibles and antique pharmacy equipment and tools that Goolrick's has acquired from years of business.

The history of Goolrick's is itself a story. William Barber Goolrick (1847-1909) founded Goolrick's in 1869 after he completed his service to the Confederacy in the Civil War. He was drafted before completing one year of school at the Virginia Military Institute.



Peter Kelley/Bullet

A family enjoying the snack bar at Goolrick's.

Goolrick's did not find its home at 901 Caroline St. until the 1890s. William's son Keating Nelson Goolrick installed the soda fountain in 1912, and Goolrick's became the first place in Fredericksburg to sell Coca-Cola products.

William's daughter Norah Elizabeth Goolrick married William Jones Lacy, a state-accredited pharmacist in 1912. Charles P. Rector helped Lacy run Goolrick's until his death, at which time the Rector family began their ownership which would last until 1990 until they sold the store to Steve May, the current owner, manager, and proprietor.

John Rector, whose family owned Goolrick's from 1933 to 1990, was often asked the history of the drugstore, not realizing that there have always been several pharmacies and drugstores in the Fredericksburg area.

The popularity of Goolrick's has as much to do with its history as its cheap prices, good service, and delicious food. Even May could only say that what draws people to Goolrick's is "the history, there are not many of these left."

Goolricks Operating Hours:

**9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday through Friday**

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday**

Closed on Sunday

**For More Information visit
their website: goolricks.com**

Care For A Cup Of Coffee?

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retired.

Their customers. "Eighty percent of the customers are regulars," Thompson said. "On my day off, I usually stop by and say 'hi' to the workers and regulars."

The coffee shop was filled with many first dates and old dates. Joe and Jack Nelson, a married couple, were enjoying a relaxing afternoon with some joy reading. Jack Nelson said Hyperion was much better than Starbucks.

The Nelson's come to Hyperion about two or three times a month.

"It's not often enough," Joe Nelson said. "We buy their coffee from here and enjoy it at home."

Jack Nelson finished off the thought.

"Their service is great and the atmosphere is even better," he said.

Clint Hopkins and Megan Lucas, a recently engaged couple, stopped by Hyperion to relax after looking for a house.

"It is always nice to relax with the lover and enjoy a latte," Lucas said.

Mary Washington College professors still come back to Hyperion even after they have

retired.

Nick Nikolic, a retired physics professor, is a Hyperion regular.

"My first time at Hyperion was the day it opened and ever since, I've visited here everyday," Nick Nikolic said.

Nikolic's daughter and Mary Washington alumna Carolina Nikolic concurred.

"Hyperion is Nick's central perk," Carolina Nikolic said. "He always runs into people he knows. Just the other day, one of Nick's old students from the 80s came in and introduced him to his kids," Carolina Nikolic said.

Hyperion portrays a calming atmosphere.

"It is a great social environment," Thompson said. "People hang out for hours. It is the place to meet new people and also relax."

The acts as a liason to the community as well.

"I came here all the way from Fairfax," Lucas said. "Every time I visit, I learn something new about what is going on in the community."

Junior Emily G. Nagel compares Hyperion to coffee itself.

"One visit to Hyperion can easily be compared to an instant addiction to coffee. The irony," Nagel said.



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Abortion Is At The Heart Of Feminism

By WENDY NELSON
Guest Columnist

For those who believe abortion has no place in feminism, hindsight is only valuable if you understand the rudimentary concepts of feminism. First you must be aware of the first fundamental principles of feminism set out by the Feminist Majority Foundation.

"FMF promotes equality between women and men and girls and boys, and supports constitutional and statutory measures to gain full equality locally, statewide, nationally, and globally."

"FMF supports safe, legal and accessible abortion, contraception, and family planning, including Medicaid funding and access for minors."

As you can see, one of the founding issues of feminism is the right to safe, legal and accessible abortion, contraception, and family planning, including Medicaid funding and access for minors.

This is the fundamental principle of choice. Choice is a very simple concept. You have chosen to go to college. You can choose to vote, and yes, you can choose to end your life by suicide or drugs—whether it is illegal or not is irrelevant because the choice doesn't lie in the written document established by the government, the choice is yours and yours alone.

It is your body and your personal choice, a fundamental right for women and men as an essential part of universal human rights.

A critical mass of women and men in this country believe that women's bodies and souls are included in the spirit of American democracy, especially the Bill of Rights. Feminism is founded on continuing the victories of those pioneers in American feminism who've given women the freedoms—physical, spiritual, and legal—now so endangered in the United States.

Feminists are not "still trying to claim abortion as a right that every woman should

have" as was stated; we don't have to claim choice as a right because it already is.

As feminists, we continue fighting to end the ignorance that surrounds us, such as your uneducated comment that abortion is used as a means of "escape from responsibility". Responsibility includes being well-informed on sexual issues.

Abstinence is not as widespread as you may think. More than half of funding for sex education in our country goes to abstinence only programs. Sadly, this only leads to more curious teenagers having sex without being well-informed on important up-to-date issues that heavily concern them when they choose to have sexual intercourse.

It is our right as human beings, and as women, to promote a healthy sexual life. It is also our right to be well-informed on topics concerning our sexual health, such as where and how to obtain birth control and how to handle emergency issues such as emergency contraceptives and abortion. Unaware of the facts, many wrongly assume abortion is an "escape from responsibility" but choice in itself is a heavy responsibility that every woman has to make when concerning abortion.

Abortion is never taken lightly. Over 90 percent of abortions are used as a last resort as we are continuing to educate people on every form of contraceptive, including emergency

contraceptives.

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Seacobeck deserves much more respect than it gets. Employees make sure that we, the students, get fed day in and day out. The workers are cooking and cleaning before most of us roll out of bed. At night, we're doing homework, going to classes, and hanging out with our friends—all while the employees are cleaning up our messes.

So instead of complaining about romaine lettuce only being in the Bistro and the line for chicken nuggets on Friday nights, take a second to breathe. Smile at the person putting out clean utensils and the other one who cooked more pizza. Get excited about breakfast for dinner on Wednesday nights, and thank the person who hands you your sandwich.

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Abortion Is At The Heart Of Feminism

By WENDY NELSON
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For those who believe abortion has no place in feminism, hindsight is only valuable if you understand the rudimentary concepts of feminism. First you must be aware of the first fundamental principles of feminism set out by the Feminist Majority Foundation.

"FMF promotes equality between women and men and girls and boys, and supports constitutional and statutory measures to gain full equality locally, statewide, nationally, and globally."

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As you can see, one of the founding issues of feminism is the right to safe, legal and accessible abortion, contraception, and family planning, including Medicaid funding and access for minors.

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It is your body and your personal choice, a fundamental right for women and men as an essential part of universal human rights.

A critical mass of women and men in this country believe that women's bodies and souls are included in the spirit of American democracy, especially the Bill of Rights. Feminism is founded on continuing the victories of those pioneers in American feminism who've given women the freedoms—physical, spiritual, and legal—now so endangered in the United States.

Feminists are not "still trying to claim abortion as a right that every woman should

have" as was stated; we don't have to claim choice as a right because it already is.

As feminists, we continue fighting to end the ignorance that surrounds us, such as your uneducated comment that abortion is used as a means of "escape from responsibility". Responsibility includes being well-informed on sexual issues.

Abstinence is not as widespread as you may think. More than half of funding for sex education in our country goes to abstinence only programs. Sadly, this only leads to more curious teenagers having sex without being well-informed on important up-to-date issues that heavily concern them when they choose to have sexual intercourse.

It is our right as human beings, and as women, to promote a healthy sexual life. It is also our right to be well-informed on topics concerning our sexual health, such as where and how to obtain birth control and how to handle emergency issues such as emergency contraceptives and abortion. Unaware of the facts, many wrongly assume abortion is an "escape from responsibility" but choice in itself is a heavy responsibility that every woman has to make when concerning abortion.

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Brown Vs. Board Of Education Lecture Series Commences

By KATIE TELLER
Viewpoints Editor

When Gaye Adegbalola was growing up on Douglas Street in Fredericksburg, all her neighbors were black. Lewis Street was all white and Winchester Street was all black.

Adegbalola, a Boston University graduate and teacher in Fredericksburg schools, talked to a sparse crowd in Great Hall about this segregation last night when the college celebrated the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.

Several local figures whose lives were affected by the court decision spoke at last night's program, which was the second in a two-part series.

The program is part of a Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) initiative to celebrate the impact of the case.

Carolyn Parsons, the college's special collections librarian and Phyllis Johnson, government documents specialist, worked together to plan the lectures as well as the Brown vs. Board display on the first floor of Simpson Library.

Parsons said the college was an ideal place for the lecture because of the huge local impact.

By ruling that the "separate but equal" decision of Plessy v. Ferguson was inherently unequal and unconstitutional, the Brown decision paved the way for nationwide desegregation.

Appropriately, the title of the lecture was "Opening Doors, Opening Minds."

The Gospel Travelers, a traveling choir associated with the Fredericksburg Baptist Association, opened the night with soulful numbers.

Princess Moss, a 1983 Mary

Washington College graduate exemplifies the change that Brown brought about in the education system.

A longtime elementary music teacher in Louisa County Elementary Schools, Moss will become president of the Virginia Education Association this August.

The Spotsylvania native and Mary Washington College alumna gave a history of the case and described Virginia's response of "massive resistance" to avoid integration.

Moss said Brown has given rise to much more equal opportunity legislation and litigation.

Through litigation and legislation, Moss said, citizens have been able to affect change.

The recent lawsuits against the University of Michigan's race-conscious measures in admissions exemplify the constantly-changing nature of integration.

Moss also expressed her concern that schools are becoming re-segregated as a result of economic backgrounds of students—students who come from poor families will not receive as good an education as students from wealthy families.

Though problems still persist, "we are nowhere near where we were fifty years ago before the Civil Rights Revolution," Moss said.

Moss said she believes the school system can make strides forward with better federal funding and better standards for teaching and learning.

Judge John Whitlitt Scott, Jr., who graduated as a part of the first integrated class of James Monroe High School participated in the roundtable discussion with Adegbalola and former mayor of Fredericksburg, the Rev. Lawrence Davies.

Scott retold stories of how Brown affected his life as he was growing up and what role the case and its implications have played in his career as a judge. He expressed concern that "secondary segregation," or segregation within integrated school systems, is becoming an issue.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life and moderator of the roundtable discussion after the lecture, said while the decision did not solve all of the problems of racial segregation, it certainly changed outlooks and created countless opportunities.

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Rucker, who attended Mary Washington College at the same time Moss did, said the impact was sweeping and universal.

Wendy Attwell-Vasey, professor of education, required her students in her Professional Teaching and Critical Issues in Education class to come to the lecture.

The class looked at different ways minority groups have been empowered, and said the Brown case is a good illustration.

"Schools have gradually become more open to groups that have been disenfranchised," Attwell-Vasey said of the impact of Brown.

Lars Holstrom, a student in the class, was pleased Attwell-Vasey made the lecture a requirement. The impact and nature of the case were relevant and interesting, Holstrom said.

Mary Washington College has become, thanks to *Brown*, "an institution that seeks not just to accommodate, but to celebrate the experiences of all of its students," Rucker said.

Parsons and Johnson concurred, noting the now-prominent Multicultural Center, the groups that allow every ethnicity to have a voice and the influence of James Farmer.

"How it was to what it is now—there is progression," Johnson said. "It's a reflection of how things have gone in the right direction."

At the roundtable discussion, Davies said, "desegregation came as a result of the law. Integration came when people out of the goodness of their hearts chose to interact."

Though desegregation has been widespread, the United States still has a long way to go until it is fully integrated, he said.

When asked if she thought the legacy was lost, Adegbalola mentioned the lack of students and teachers at the lecture and said she did believe the legacy has been lost.

"There will be progress, but there will be regression," Davies said.



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Princess Moss speaks to students and faculty at the Brown v. Board of Education Lecture Series.

BOV Reviews The Honor Code

By COREY BYERS
Assistant News Editor

On April 1 the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors met with the new, outgoing and past honor council presidents to discuss proposed changes to the honor code.

While no formal changes have been made, the board plans to work with the honor council and the rest of the student body to make changes within the next year.

"The Board of Visitors sees this as a friendly review of the Honor Council," Rector of the board Dori Eglesky said. She went on to describe the process, which she said will go into the next academic year, as "inclusive as opposed to exclusive."

After reviewing the honor code, one member of the board said she found that the current written code does not accurately reflect what was changed in 1990.

The newly-elected Honor Council president, junior Cris Clapp, explained how the honor code is currently written and responded to some issues that the board is concerned with.

One of the main concerns some members of the board have are in regards to non-academic honor offenses remaining on a student's permanent transcript, Clapp said. One member said since non-academic offenses do not concern academics, they should not remain on the transcript.

Clapp said for non-academic offenses sanctions such as social probation and community service can be given to a student. Currently, those offenses are on the transcript and she believes they should stay on in the future.

"When someone commits an offense...it's an offense against the community," Clapp said.

Clapp also said she just met with other Honor Council members as well as residence hall councils before April 1 in order to discuss this and other matters. She said most of the residence hall councils agreed with her belief to not only keep community service as a sanctioning option for offenses but to keep those on a student's transcript as well.

A board member said a step could come between a student completing his or her service hours and removing the offense from the transcript. For example, a student could write an essay or meet with the Board of Visitors and Honor Council to discuss what they learned in the time after the offense occurred.

Clapp said sanctions given under the honor code are supposed to be a learning experience. She said she would be in support of such a step as opposed to just removing violations off the transcript once community service hours have been completed.

Another problem raised by the Board at the meeting was how case summaries of honor violations should be made public to students. Efforts were made in past years to print summaries in *The Bulletin*, but the Board and Honor Council, for several reasons, were unable to do so.

Clapp said case summaries, if published, will include the honor charge, the dates it applies to and sanctions given for the charge. Students' names will not be used in the disclosure of code violations.

During the meeting a concern was raised over how offenses are handled if they occurred during finals.

In these cases, Clapp said the trial for the offense has to occur after the break following the final exam in question.

She said theoretically if a student was in a higher level class and committed the offense in a pre-requisite class, the student could lose credit for both. The student would have to take the pre-requisite and the upper level class over for credit as a result of the original infraction.

Currently honor code violations can result in academic or social probation, community service hours, probation, suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the situation.

As of now, Clapp said academic offenses can get non-academic sanctions.

"They could just get community service if it's a small infraction," Clapp said.

She said for the most part students who commit academic offenses get a failing grade in the course and sometimes they are assigned community service.

The Board also raised the question of how levels of graduation are used in determining a student's punishment for offenses.

"Certain behaviors are more egregious than others," Eglesky said.

In the interview afterward, Clapp explained how sanctions are given to students. While there is no written system of gradations for the severity of offenses, the Honor Council looks at similar past honor violations as well as the details of the case at hand in order to determine a sanction.

"We take all things into consideration," she said. "Every case is different...we tailor sanctions to the case."

Clapp said under the current system, changes are made to the code when the Board of Visitors, Honor Council members or students want to make a change.

"Even students can propose an amendment," Clapp said.

The student body has to approve the change by the majority in a vote. The Board does the final approval of any changes made to the code.

The Board plans to meet with Clapp in June to further discuss updating the code and its wording.

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